

**Amendments to the Drawings:**

Please remove Figures 13 and 14. The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 15-22 which have been relabeled Figures 13-20. These sheets, which include Figs. 13-20, replace the original sheets including Figs. 15-22.

Attachment: 4 Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

In The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) decision dated February 16, 2010, the Examiner's decision was affirmed. The BPAI affirmed the rejection of claims 1-3, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 22 and 25 on grounds of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-19 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/764,805 in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0168587 (Sakaue) or U.S. Patent No. 6,449,239 (Uno) and affirmed the rejection of claims 1-3, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 22 and 25 on grounds of double patenting over claims 1-19 of co-pending U.S. Patent No. 7,359,310 in view of Sakaue or Uno. The BPAI reversed the rejection of claims 1-3, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 22 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0021160 (Shuy) in view of Sakaue and U.S. patent no. 4,682,321 (Takaoka).

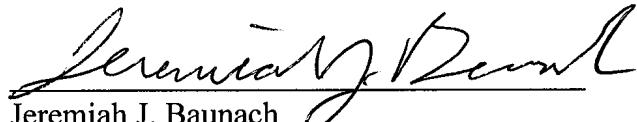
In response to the BPAI decision on February 16, 2010, terminal disclaimers are being filed herewith and in order to put the application in better condition for allowance the specification and drawings are amended herein to correct inconsistencies. Figures 13 and 14 have been removed. Replacement Figures 13-20 replace the original Figures 15-22. The specification has been amended to reflect changes to the Figures. No new matter has been added.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure:

4 Sheets of Replacement Drawings (Figures. 13-20)

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